

Order GOBIIFORMES

Nurseryfishes¹

Family KURTIDAE

Bleeker 1859



Kurtus indicus. From: Bloch, M. E. 1786. Naturgeschichte der ausländischen Fische. Berlin. 2: i–viii + 1–160, Pls. 145–180.

Kurtus

Bloch 1786

Latinization of *kryptós* (κρυτός), curved or humped, referring to gibbous back in front of dorsal fin

***Kurtus gulliveri* Castelnau 1878** in honor of “Mr. Gulliver,” who collected holotype, probably Thomas Allen Gulliver (1847–1931), a post and telegraph worker who collected natural history specimens near his home on the Norman River, Gulf of Carpentaria, Australia (type locality)

***Kurtus indicus* Bloch 1786** *-icus* (L.) belonging to: Indian Ocean, type locality

¹The common name “nurseryfishes” refers to their unique breeding behavior, wherein males carry fertilized egg clusters attached to a hook-like process on their forehead (not shown in above illustration).